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The Political Future of India. By LAJPAT RAI. New York: Huebsch, 1919. Pp. 237. \$1.50.

Mr. Rai's little book is avowedly propagandist, as any ethical discussion of the Indian problem should be. None but a descriptive historian could attempt to discuss with equanimity the pacification of the recent outbreaks in the Punjab. But our sense to which Mr. Rai appeals is political fair play, and that to him is the very opposite of both antinomies, social suppression and social revolt. He wants democracy introduced into India adjustingly not precipitately. But adjustment is not always synonymous with Fabianism.

With Montagu and Chelmsford, then, Mr. Rai believes in the very swift, but none the less intelligent, metamorphosis of the Indian government from largely white to largely brown. He implies that India is not quite ready for Western political democracy, certainly not yet for industrial democracy. It is still in an oligarchic state. But it passionately desires a native oligarchy as against a foreign bureaucracy. To Downing Street it wishes to stand in the same relation as Canada and Australia. And unless such political transmigration takes place, India will never be in line for any form of democracy whatsoever.

Mr. Rai is a propagandist of compromise of the safest and sanest kind. He wishes the Montagu-Chelmsford report to serve as the bargaining basis. To further his ideal of social democracy practically in India he is fighting for what really amounts to the nationalization of foreign oppression. At the present stage of Indian polity he is wise enough to put himself into the anomalous position of pleading the cause of the hierarchy of caste for the ultimate sake of the Indian masses. And by implication he rejects the world-wide equalization of political and economic and social opportunities, for the safety of democracy in one place does not necessarily imply its sanity in another.

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Essentials of Americanization. By EMORY S. BOGARDUS. Los Angeles: University of Southern California Press, 1919. Pp. 303. (17 pages of bibliography.) \$1.50.

The book is written in splendid spirit and should be of good service to foreigners and to untrained Americanization workers. In the opening Dr. Bogardus briefly presents in four chapters the group of principles he calls "Americanisms." The chapter dealing with "Democracy and